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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM GONZALEZ-REVILLA TO BELL

1. PANAMANIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES BILONICK SEPTEMBER 17,
READ FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

2. BEGIN TEXT "SINCE MY CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER BELL
LAST NIGHT I HAVE BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH MY AMBASSADOR
AND OTHER VERY HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS OF MY GOVERNMENT

I AM AUTHORIZED TO SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA
HAS UNCOVERED A SERIOUS PLOT INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS
AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES
AIMED AT THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA.

THIS UNWARRANTED INVOLVEMENT IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF
PANAMA, AT THIS TIME, COULD ONLY LEAD US TO BELIEVE
THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT HAVE GOOD INTENTIONS TO-
WARD OUR COUNTRY AND THAT THE RECENT EVENTS IN PANAMA ARE
CLOSELY RELATED TO THE SUDDEN REFUSAL BY THE UNITED
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STATES TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY ON THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE.

THE PARTICIPATION OF AMERICAN AGENTS IN THE COVERT OPERATION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND ITS GOVERNMENT, THE USE OF THE CANAL ZONE AND RESIDENCES OF CANAL COMPANY EMPLOYEES AS MEETING PLACES WHERE THESE ACTIVITIES WERE PLANNED AND FINANCED CAN ONLY POINT TO A UNITED STATES PROVOKED DETERIORATION OF OUR RELATIONS. THIS IS A MESSAGE FROM OUR AMBASSADOR TO MINISTER BELL. A FORMAL PROTEST IS IN PROCESS OF BEING LODGED BY OUR FOREIGN MINISTER. END TEXT.

3. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS REPLIED THTHAT THERE WAS NO INVOLVEMENT OF U.S. AGENCIES IN ANY OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PANAMA AND NOTED OUR REGRET THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. ROBINSON

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